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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 20**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO REINSTATE  
THE RURAL BORDER PATROL OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM AT NEW  
MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY.**

**WHEREAS, the antiterrorism assistance training program of  
the United States department of state established a rural  
border patrol operations training program at New Mexico  
institute of mining and technology in 1998, and almost fifty  
classes have been conducted at the institute since then; and**

**WHEREAS, funding for the program at New Mexico institute  
of mining and technology has declined from about one million  
seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000) in fiscal year 2001  
to nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) in fiscal year  
2003; and**

**WHEREAS, in addition to the impact on New Mexico institute**

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1 of mining and technology and the community of Socorro, the loss  
2 of the best resources available for training to foreign allies  
3 will hamper the security of these countries and the frontline  
4 defense of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, the principal reason for the relocation of the  
6 rural border patrol operations training program was the  
7 perceived economic benefit of consolidating training elsewhere,  
8 but the potential for greater savings exists if consolidation  
9 occurs at New Mexico institute of mining and technology; and

10 WHEREAS, economies of scale available at the institute's  
11 facilities will help realize actual cost savings and permit  
12 full utilization of existing high-quality training facilities;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United  
15 States department of state be requested to reverse the decision  
16 to relocate the rural border patrol operations training  
17 program, to reestablish the hostage negotiation training at New  
18 Mexico institute of mining and technology, increase the  
19 antiterrorist bomb training course at the institute and  
20 relocate the antiterrorist assistance representative to  
21 Socorro; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the United States secretary of state and to the  
24 New Mexico congressional delegation.